Visakhapatnam Shipyard

2851. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Visakhapatnam shipyard has been selected for modernisation and expansion; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Stage II Development-cum-Modernisation Programme of Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam was taken up and is nearing completion by the end of this year at a cost of Rs. 81.85 crores. The Modernisation *inter alia* provides for a Covered Building Dock, Integrated Steel Stockyard including Processing Facilities, Heavy Duty Cranes and Modernisation of Welding Technology.

Fixation of DTC fare between Pusa Road and Central Secretariat

2852. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1856 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether, in view of the fact that the distance between Pusa Road (C.G.H.S. Dispensary) and Central Secretariat being less than 4 kilometre Government propose to re-examine the fare structure, and fix the fare @ Re. 0.50 per adult ticket; and

(b) if so, by when the new fare structure is likely to be effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Route distance from CGHS Dispensary Pusa Road to Kendriya Terminal on routes No. 160, 170 is 5.7 Kms and on routes 196, 960 it is 7.1 Kms. Moreover, the fare is charged from fare stage to fare stage and not from point to point. CGHS Dispensary Pusa Road is not a fare stage.

(b) Does not arise.

Linking of State capitals by air

2853. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State capitals airlinked so far in the country;

(b) whether there is any programme to airlink the rest of the capitals; and

(c) what are the details thereof and when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) All State capitals, except Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh), Gangtok (Sikkim) and Kohima (Nagaland) are already airlinked by schedule services. Kohima is served by Dimapur airport—74 Kms. away. Gangtok is catered to by Helicopter. There are plans to construct airports at Itanagar and Gangtok and Vayudoot has plans to provide air services there as soon as the airports are commissioned.

Growing Air traffic to Aizwal Mizoram

2854. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Vayudoot is unable to cope with the growing air traffic to Aizwal (Mizoram);

(b) whether Government are considering a proposal to start Indian Airlines services to Aizwal;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The present utilisation of the existing Dornier seat capacity to Aizwal is only 75 per cent which indicates that the capacity provided is adequate to meet the existing demand.